

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TEMPLATE

INDICATOR: Domestic Violence-Related Calls for Assistance

DEFINITION: The rate per 1,000 adult population (ages 18 and over) of domestic violence calls to law enforcement agencies

NUMERATOR: Total domestic violence-related calls for assistance to law enforcement agencies, by place of residence, in a calendar year

DENOMINATOR: The total adult population (ages 18 and over), by place of residence, in a calendar year

HEALTHY PEOPLE 2010 OBJECTIVE:

Reduce the rate of physical assault directed by current or former intimate partners to 3.3 per 1,000 persons aged 12 or over. (Baseline: 4.4 physical assaults per 1,000 persons aged 12 and over in 1998) (Objective 15-34)

Domestic Violence-related calls for assistance in the adult population (ages 18 and over)

Year	California				LA County			
	Number of Calls	Rate	95% Confidence Interval		Number of Calls	Rate	95% Confidence Interval	
			Lower	Upper			Lower	Upper
1993	236,895	10.5	10.5	10.6	67,732	10.5	10.4	10.5
1994	250,439	11.1	11.0	11.1	72,991	11.3	11.2	11.4
1995	246,315	10.9	10.8	10.9	75,639	11.7	11.6	11.8
1996	227,899	10.0	9.9	10.0	72,725	11.3	11.2	11.3
1997	220,156	9.5	9.4	9.5	67,805	10.4	10.3	10.5
1998	196,832	8.3	8.3	8.4	62,278	9.4	9.4	9.5
1999	186,406	7.7	7.7	7.7	59,834	8.9	8.8	9.0
2000	196,880	7.9	7.9	8.0	60,960	8.9	8.8	8.9
2001	198,031	7.8	7.8	7.8	59,661	8.5	8.4	8.6
2002	196,569	7.6	7.6	7.6	56,452	7.9	7.8	8.0

Denominator: Total Adult Population Ages 18 and Over		
Year	California	LA County
1993	22,495,233	6,479,252
1994	22,598,204	6,470,046
1995	22,692,845	6,453,618
1996	22,876,297	6,454,454
1997	23,263,077	6,517,055
1998	23,649,525	6,600,520
1999	24,170,378	6,727,477
2000	24,780,249	6,885,518
2001	25,376,414	7,026,166
2002	25,902,332	7,155,806

Note: Currently, there is no standard definition of or reporting system for domestic violence. Domestic violence is a complex issue involving many social and psychological forces. Therefore, reliance on a single indicator does not present a complete picture of the problem. To begin addressing these barriers, it is important to identify the existing data sources and understand their advantages and limitations. Local police jurisdictions's mandated reporting on "domestic violence-related calls for assistance" is one data source commonly used to describe the frequency of domestic violence in California, because it is population-based and easily accessible. However, these data only illustrate local law enforcement practices and response to domestic violence calls and are not an adequate source for measuring either the prevalence or incidence of domestic violence injuries.

Sources: California Department of Justice, Division of Law Enforcement, Law Enforcement Information Center Special Report, "Total Domestic Violence Calls Received by Type of Weapon, by County, 1990-2001".
 California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, California Criminal Justice Profile 1998-2002.
 Denominator data: California Department of Finance, "Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 1970-2050", Sacramento, California, May 2004.